

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING of
THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP (OHVAG) of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD (ASPB)**

**Friday, June 3, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m., Park Board Conference Room
Arizona State Parks, 1300 West Washington, Phoenix**

**AGENDA
(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)**

A. CALL TO ORDER – 10:20 am

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF/ROLL CALL

The meeting was conducted telephonically. State Parks staff Robert Baldwin and Doris Pulsifer were present at the State Parks office. The following OHVAG members were present on the phone: John Savino, Don French, Hank Rogers, Rebecca Antle. Members absent: Pete Pfeifer, David Moore.

Baldwin announced that a quorum was present.

All of the OHVAG applicants were present on the phone: Bill Nash, Jack Hickman, Rebecca Antle, and Thomas McArthur

Chair Savino called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Robert Baldwin.

C. ACTION ITEM

1. The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) will meet to review and discuss applications to fill vacant positions on the Group, and will make recommendation of qualified applicants to the Arizona State Parks Board for appointment to OHVAG to serve 3-year terms beginning retroactively January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2014. Application copies will be distributed via e-Mail to OHVAG members prior to the meeting.

Baldwin explained that because there are more applicants than positions, each Group member will have to prioritize their selections and the highest priority applicants will be recommended. The Group will discuss each of the applicants and ask questions of the applicants. The applicants will have an opportunity to make a statement. Baldwin also explained that because R. Antle was asking to be approved for a third term beyond the two allowed by Parks Board policy and that applicant Nash did not indicate an organization affiliation required for appointment to the open position, their recommendations would have to include a request to the Parks Board to waive current policies.

Baldwin also reminded the Group that the county of residence allocation requirement will only allow one of the recommended applicants to reside in Maricopa County. The

distribution of user types could vary with Group approval as long as all user types (4-wheel drive, ATV/UTV, dirt bike) are represented in the final make-up of the Group.

Bill Nash was discussed first. Hank Rogers verified that Nash was a member of the Apache County ATV Rough Riders Club and Rogers had provided a support letter on behalf of the club for Nash.

Baldwin noted that that will make him eligible as a member of an organization as an ATV/UTV user from Maricopa County.

Rogers noted that Nash has been very involved in OHV issues, particularly responsible OHV use and respect for the land.

Savino asked Nash if he has the time to devote not only to meetings, but to preparing for the meeting and keeping abreast of statewide OHV issues.

Nash responded that he fully intends to devote the time necessary to responsively represent public/users interests. He also pointed out he is a part time resident of Apache County.

Rebecca Antle was discussed next. Savino asked her if she still has the passion to serve on OHVAG after two plus terms. Antle responded that she is as passionate as ever about protecting the OHV funds and promoting all forms of OHV use.

Baldwin explained to the Group that even though Jack Hickman was reviewed and approved at the February 2011 meeting, he must be reevaluated with the other applicants. It was determined that his selection in February was not the result of a broad public solicitation.

Hickman explained what the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition is and how it promotes all forms of outdoor recreation. This was the group that gathered user support and paid a lobbyist to get the new OHV legislation creating the user indicia (sticker) passed in the State Legislature in 2008. He explained that this group has an active partnership with land managers and is soliciting grants to construct new user facilities.

Baldwin asked Hickman to explain any financial conflicts he might have when considering the appropriation of OHV program funds.

He explained that his position as President of the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition is not paid and the organization is a non-profit. The organization owns equipment that is used when constructing projects and project funds are used to offset the cost of maintaining and operating the equipment. The organization donates hundreds of hours of labor as match for project funds.

Thomas McArthur identified himself as a multi-faceted recreationist. He is a hiker, mountain biker, kayaker, and dirt-biker.

Next the Group shared their priorities for recommending the applicants:

<u>APPLICANTS</u>	Savino	Rogers	Antle	French	Total
Rebecca Antle	2	2	(4)	1	9
Jack Hickman	3	3	1	3	10
Bill Nash	1	1	2	2	6
Thomas McArthur	4	4	3	4	15

Motions were made based on the priorities.

Motion Rogers / Second Savino – unanimous: I move to recommend the appointment of Bill Nash to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) to fill one of the vacant organization affiliation positions to begin to serve immediately through December 31, 2014, and that this recommendation be forwarded to the State Parks Board for final approval at their June 23, 2011 meeting.

Motion Savino / Second French – yea: Rogers, Savino, French / nea: none / abstain: Antle: I move to request that the State Parks Board waive the two-term limit policy and recommend the appointment of Rebecca Antle to the OHVAG to continue serving in an organization affiliation position through December 31, 2014, and that this recommendation be forwarded to the State Parks Board for final approval at their June 23, 2011 meeting.

Motion Rogers / Second Antle – unanimous:
(Recommended Alternate Motion, in the event the Parks Board does not approve to waive the two-term limit policy.)

I move to request that the State Parks Board waive the county residence distribution policy and recommend the appointment of Jack Hickman to the OHVAG to fill one of the vacant organization affiliation positions to begin to serve effective immediately through December 31, 2014, and that this recommendation be forwarded to the State Parks Board for final approval at their June 23, 2011 meeting.

Motion Savino / Second Rogers – unanimous:
(Recommended Alternate Motion, in the event the Parks Board does not approve to waive the two-term limit policy or the county residence distribution policy.)
I move to recommend the appointment of Thomas McArthur to the OHVAG to fill one of the vacant organization affiliation positions to begin to serve effective immediately through December 31, 2014, and that this recommendation be forwarded to the State Parks Board for final approval at their June 23, 2011 meeting.

D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - NONE

E. ADJOURNMENT – Motion Rogers / Second French – unanimous at 11:15 am